Contract for the sale of Liquor at Quilon.

199. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer given to interpellation No. 36 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 22nd Karkatakam 1100, will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points :—

(*a*) with reference to the answer to part (*c*) of the question wherein it was stated that the amount of decrease in the rentals of the arrack shop at Quilon during the years 1099 and 1100 was Rs. 810 and that this decrease was due to the fall in the consumption of arrack, what quantity of arrack has been sold from this shop in each of the years 1096 to 1100, and what were the rentals during the respective years ;

(*b*) if the consumption of arrack in this shop has fallen in any year, what was the fall due to ;

(*c*) whether the contract for this shop is given to the very same Mr. Aiyappan Pillai Krishna Pillai, contractor for the opium and ganja shop at Quilon ; and

(*d*) how many bidders took part in the auction on the day when this arrack shop was auctioned, and by whom and to what respective amounts were the bids raised ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The information required by the Member is given below :

Year.	*Quantity of arrack consumed. Proof gallons.*	*Average consumption per annum. Proof gallons.*	*Rental.* Rs.
1096	1,742·01	1,612·25	3,580
1097	1,482·50		3,580
1098	1,558·00	1,455·10	5,615
1099	1,352·20		5,615
1100	1,402·70	1,402·70	4,805

(*b*) No specific reason can be assigned for the fall in consumption in any particular shop.

(*c*) The shop was not given to Mr. Aiyappan Pillai Krishna Pillai, but was purchased by him in open auction.

(*d*) The Excise Commissioner states that the information is not available.

Change in the period of contracts in the Excise Department from two to four years.

200. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the various items for which biennial contracts are given in the Excise Department ;

(*b*) the amount realised by the Government from biennial contracts for the supply of arrack from the year 1090 to 1100 ;

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